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MACHINERY UTILIZATION IN TIMBER TRUSTS IMPROVING

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In 1948 electric saws felled 1.8 times more timber than in 1947 and 5.5 times more than in the first year of the postwar Five-Year Plan. Using the electric saw, felling brigades have attained a steady output of 60 - 100 cubic meters a day and individual workers, an output of 10 - 20 cubic meters per day.

At the Ozery Timber Management of the Sverdlovsk Trust, four brigades of electric sawmen, using one mobile electric power plant, on 17 March 1949 felled 242 cubic meters of timber, or 630 percent of the daily quota for electric power plants. One brigade using one electric saw felled 280 cubic meters in one day, or 31 cubic meters per worker, which was 724 percent of the daily quota.

Using trailer tractors and three-drum winches for skidding, the Vostsibles Trust (Zakiiyev, director), and the Burmongsolles Trust (Afanassenko, director) fulfilled their quarterly plan for mechanized timber skidding by 10 March 1944.

New electric winches, used for skidding at the Aleksandrovskiy Model Experimental Timber Management, have attained a steady average productivity of 50 - 60 cubic meters per shift and as much as 120 cubic meters for a two-shift day.

The quarterly plan for mechanized timber skidding has also been fulfilled by the following timber managements: Tsygorodskiy (Nekrasov, director; Prokudov, chief engineer) and Kazhim, both of the Komiles Trust; Shuysko-Vidanskiy of Yuzh-Volzhskiy Trust; Yurinskii of Kompermles Trust; V. Lup'inskiy of Kotlasles Trust; Volzhsk of Mariles Trust, and other enterprises which exceeded the plan by the use of the MT-12 trailer tractor, skidding 60 - 70 cubic meters of timber per shift.

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On the other hand, one quarter of the available mobile electric power plants of the Dvinoles Trust (Andreyev, director) were idle in February. As a result, on 10 March this trust had met only 31.6 percent of its quarterly plan for mechanized timber skidding. This trust has also made poor use of its trailer tractors. For example, at the Brin-Navolotskiy Timber Center of the Yemetsk Timber Management, KT-12 tractors were not provided with fuel wood of normal moisture content and were kept partially idle as a result. Ground was not sufficiently cleared for skidding. Tractors were not supplied with the necessary equipment for skidding.

KT-12 tractors were not properly used at enterprises of the Lenles trusts (Goryshin, director) and Lespromtrest (Ardeyev, director). As a result, the work of the KT-12 tractors in skidding was very unsatisfactory during the fall and winter seasons of 1948.

The following timber managements have already successfully organized continuous operation methods for logging: Maksatikha of the Kalininles Trust; Mikhailovka and Odima of Ustyugles; Petrovskiy of Yuzhkarellies; Koygorodskiy of Komiles; Nechumayevskiy of Novsibles, and others.

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